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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS DESCRIBES
SOVIET APPROACH AT GENEVA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS ASKED ME TO CALL THIS MORNING. HE EXPLAINED HE WANTED U.S. TO HAVE DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET OBSERVER AT GENEVA MININ. CONVERSATION APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE AFTER THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD SIGNED GENEVA DECLARATION AND JUST PRIOR TO MAVORS' DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS.

2. MAVROS SAID SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN RUDE IN HIS APPROACH AND HAD ACCUSED GOG OF HAVING SURRENDERED POINTS SETTLED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353, PARTICULARLY RESOLUTION'S REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN TROOP WITHDRAWAL. APPARENTLY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE MADE SPECIAL POINT OF FACT RESOLUTION CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE
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WITHDRAWAL WHILE GENEVA DECLARATION SPOKE IN TERMS OF

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"WITHIN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME." MAVROS COUNTERED THAT PRACTIVAL AND REASONALBE APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM WAS ONLY FEASIBLE COURSE AND STRESSED THAT COURSE TAKEN BASED UPON IMPLEMENTATION OF SC 353. HE TOOK OFFENSIVE, URGING SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TO EXPALIN TO HIM JUST WHAT SOVIETS WANTED FROM SECURITY COUNCIL. HE NOTED SOVIETS HAD NEVER REFERRED TO TURKISH TROOPS ON THE ISALND. HE SAID HE HAD SPECIFICALLY TOLD MININ THAT BY PRESSING FOR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, SOVIETS IN EFFECT WERE TELLING TURKS TO CONTINUE THEIR MILITARY OPERATIONS ON ISALND. HE HAD ALSO ASKED WHY SOVIETS SEEKING ANOTHER SC RESOLUTION AND WHAT CONCEIVABLE PURPOSE INVESTIGATION ON ISLAND BY SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS SOVIET DRAFT PROPOSED COULD SERVE. FURTHER, HE ADDED, HAS THEIR OBJECTIVE BEEN WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY? HE ALSO TOLD MININ THAT IF SOVIET UNION CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE TURKEY, PARTITION OF CYPRUS WAS INEVITABLE. HE PRESSED HARPLANATION OF SOVIET POLICY BUT WAS UNABLE TO ELICIT ANY RESPONSE FROM SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE.

3. SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAD ASKED FOR GOG POINION OF MAKARIOS. MAVORS HAD INDICATED GOG REGARDED HIM AS STILL PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT MAKARIOS' FUTURE WAS NOT GOG PROBLEM BUT ONE FOR CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES. HE HAD ALSO MADE POINT THAT GREEK POSITION THAT MAKARIOS LEGALLY WAS PRESIDENT DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO MEAN HE SHOULD RESUME RESPONSIBILITIES IN CYPRUS. THIS WAS A QUESTION TO BE DECIDED IN CYPRUS BY THE CYPRIOTS. IN HIS OWN VIEW MAVROS BELEIVED SOVIETS WANT TO KEEP MAKARIOS IN PICTURE AS WAY OF CONTINUING TO STIR UP TROUBLE ON ISLAND AND ABRAOD.

4. MAVROS INTENDS TO SEE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AGAIN WHEN HE RETURNS TO GENEVA TO CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR GOG SERIOUSLY QUESTIONS THEIR MOTIVES.
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